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E.O.11652: XGDS-3
TAGS: PFOR US VN
SUBJ: US/VN RELATIONS: PRESS SPECULATION

REF: ROSENTHAL/PRATT TELECON APRIL 14/15

1. EMBOFF SAW SRV FIRST SECRETARY DO THANH AT 1100 APRIL 15 AND GAVE HIM TEXTS OF THE GEORGE GEDDA AF STORY OF APRIL 14 CONCERNING US/VN TALKS AND THE AFP ACCOUNT OF THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF APRIL 14. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TELECON, EMBOFF TOLD DO THANH THAT IF QUERIED ON THIS SUBJECT, WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN MIGHT CONFIRM THE AGREEMENT ON THE MAY 3 DATE FOR US/VN TALKS IN PARIS.

2. DO THANH THANKED US FOR INFORMING HIM IN ADVANCE, BUT SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HOPED WE WOULD IN THE FUTURE CONSULT WITH THEM BEFORE MAKING MAJOR STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS AND WOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. HE DEPLORED THE AP STORY AS A MIXTURE OF CORRECT INDISCRETIONS AND INACCURACIES. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS SORT OF "ORCHESTRATED PRESS LEAK" WAS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING WE HAD CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF THE PRESS.

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3. DO THANH ASKED FOR TEXTS RPT TEXTS RPT TEXTS OF THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF APRIL 14 AND OF POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF APRIL 15.

4. DO THANH ALSO ASKED FOR THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE IN INDONESIA BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOK ABOUT

VIETNAMESE ARMS SALES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

5. WE HAVE NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG ALSO MADE A STATEMENT CONCERNING VIETNAM THURSDAY EVENING. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A TEXT OR AT LEAST SOME AUTHORITATIVE VERSION OF THIS STATEMENT FOR DELIVERY TO THE SRV.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE OUR SATISFYING THE SRV REQUEST FOR TEXTS AND WOULD HOPE TO HAVE THAT OF ANY WHITE HOUSE RELEASE ON THE DATE OF TALKS BY THE MORNING OF APRIL 16 FOR DELIVERY TO THE SRV EMBASSY.

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